BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 90-797-R - ORDER NO. 91-224 "

March 26, 1991

IN RE: Application of Southern Motor Carriers)
Rate Conference to Increase Rates and) ORDER
Minimum Charges in Tariff SCPSC SMC) APPROVING
306-C) APPLICATION

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of an Application filed on behalf of Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc. (SMCRC) on November 26, 1990, whereby SMCRC sought certain relief in the nature of approval of increases in certain rates and minimum charges published in SMCRC Tariff SCPSC SMC 306-C. The Appplication was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann., §58-23-1010 (Cum. Supp. 1990), and R.103-194 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers.

Subsequent to the initiating of this proceeding, the Commission Staff instructed the Applicant to cause to be published a prepared Notice of Filing in certain newspapers of general circulation in the State of South Carolina. The Notice of Filing indicated the nature of the Application and advised all interested parties who wished to protest of the time in which to file such protest. No Protests were filed with the Commission.

The information filed by the Applicant indicates its operating ratio to be 105.57% before the proposed increases. Based upon

the information filed by the Applicant, the Commission Staff has determined that the proposed increases would result in a projected revenue increase of \$1,483,326, changing the Applicant's operating ratio to 97.87%. The Commission, therefore, finds the proposed increases just and reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the proposed adjustments in rates and charges filed by Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference, Inc. on November 26, 1990, for Tariff SCPSC SMC 306-C are approved.
- 2. That the adjustments in rates and charges found fair and reasonable herein are approved and authorized effective March 15, 1991.
- 3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Mayouelmos-Fragier Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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